

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method for providing translation service through a
2 network, comprising the steps of:

3 (Step 1) delivering language information as to its own
4 language as well as the other person's language, a telephone
5 number of a first telephone terminal as well as a telephone
6 number of a second telephone terminal belonging to said other
7 person together with information for requesting translation
8 from said first telephone terminal to a network at the time of
9 establishing a phone line.

10 (Step 2) connecting said first telephone terminal with said
11 second telephone terminal by means of said network through a
12 translating apparatus, which has been previously prepared;

13 (Step 3) translating a speaking in said first telephone
14 terminal and a speaking in said second telephone terminal by
15 means of said translating apparatus in accordance with said
16 language information to deliver both the spoken contents
17 translated to their opposite parties' telephone terminals,

18 respectively; and

19 (Step 4) counting a time required for the translation by
20 means of an accounting apparatus, which has been prepared
21 previously on said network, to charge the fee as a translation
22 fee, and adding the translation fee to a rate for a call caused
23 by a phone call between said first telephone terminal and said
24 second telephone terminal.

1 2 A method for providing translation service as claimed

2 in claim 1, wherein:

3 said first telephone terminal and said second telephone
4 terminal are cellular phones or Personal Handy Phones,
5 respectively.

1 3. A method for providing translation service as claimed

2 in claim 1, wherein:

3 said network is a fixed telephone network.

1 4. A method for providing translation service as claimed

2 in claim 1, wherein.

3 said network is an internet telephone network.

1 5. A method for providing translation service through a
2 network, comprising the steps of:

3 (Step 1) delivering language information as to languages
4 spoken by a first telephone terminal and a second telephone
5 terminal together with information for requesting translation
6 from either of said first telephone terminal and said second
7 telephone terminal to a network in the case where a phone line
8 for a phone call is in an established condition between said
9 first telephone terminal and said second telephone terminal,

10 (Step 2) reconnecting said first telephone terminal with
11 said second telephone terminal by means of said network through
12 a translating apparatus, which has been previously prepared;

13 (Step 3) translating a speaking in said first telephone
14 terminal and a speaking in said second telephone terminal by
15 means of said translating apparatus in accordance with said

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16 language information to deliver both the spoken contents
17 translated to their opposite parties' telephone terminals,
18 respectively; and

19 (Step 4) counting not only a rate for a call produced by
20 a phone call between said first telephone terminal and said
21 second telephone terminal, but also separately a charging usage
22 of said translating apparatus by means of an accounting apparatus,
23 which has been prepared previously on said network with respect
24 to said first telephone terminal or said second telephone
25 terminal from either of which the translation was requested.

1 5. A method for providing translation service as claimed
2 in claim 5, wherein:

3 said first telephone terminal and said second telephone
4 terminal are cellular phones or Personal Handy Phones,
5 respectively.

1 7. A method for providing translation service as claimed
2 in claim 5, wherein:

3 said network is a fixed telephone network.

1 8. A method for providing translation service as claimed
2 in claim 5, wherein:

3 said network is an internet telephone network.